

Open Space Advisory Board

Agenda

**Wednesday, March 10th
Louisville Public Library
1st Floor Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
7:00pm**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call & Introductions
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VI. Staff Updates
- VII. Board Updates
- VIII. Discussion Item: Conoco Phillips
- IX. Discussion & Action Item: Finalize the 2009 Accomplishments & 2010 Goals for the Upcoming City Council Study Session.
- X. Discussion Item: Identify Topics to be Discussed at the Upcoming Study Session with City Council.
- XI. Discussion Items for Next Meeting on April 14th, 2009. Meeting location: Spruce Room
- XII. Adjourn

Open Space Advisory Board
Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2010
Louisville Public Library

7:30 PM

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Roll Call was taken and the following members were present:

Board Members Present: Linda Smith, Larry Crowley, Justin McClure,
Spencer Guthrie, Tom Davinroy, David Waldman, Helen Moshak

Board Members Absent: Helen Moshak

Staff Members Present: Joe Stevens, Ember Brignull, Kathy Kron

Members of the Public: John Larry

Approval of Agenda – David moved to approve the agenda as printed. Linda seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Public Comments – John Leary discussed how Open Space has been acquired in the past. John discussed municipal code Sec. 17.28.110 and Sec. 17.28.120. If the building height is waived there may be an opportunity for additional Open Space dedication per municipal code.

Action Item: Finalize draft recommendations of Conoco Phillips Preliminary Entitlement Submittals –

Tom mentioned the desirability of the connectivity of the trails with surrounding

municipalities. Tom mentioned that narrow trail corridors do not make a good Open Space dedication but may be acceptable as a public land dedication. A trail on top of the ridge would have good views.

Spencer asked about the differences between commuter trails and open space trails.

Joe talked about the differences between commuter trails and open space trails
Joe stated that the City is entertaining the criteria of those dedications.

Linda stated that she was not comfortable with the slope on the dedication or maintenance of the slope.

David stated that the trail at the top of the slope will be loud and act as an amplifier thereby diminishing the value of the trail. Excessive amount of trail have been dedicated
David would like to reduce the length/locations of trail dedications.

Tom asked David what he would suggest for an alternative dedication assuming that the current dedication adjacent to US36 is insufficient.

Spencer stated that he felt the slope should not be overstated.

David Waldman suggested the trail be moved adjacent to Hwy 42 and the retention facility.

Tom stated that he is convinced the trail adjacent to 36 on the top of the slope is the least desirable portion of Conoco Phillips dedications.

Tom stated that John Leary pointed out that section LMC 17.28.210 states that a requirement can be waived only if their land use dedication is in excess of 12%.

David stated that if the dedication is greater take into consideration the cost of building the trails.

Spencer asked why we are requesting excess if we don't know yet the quantity and quality of the current dedication.

Tom replied that this is a proper opportunity to explore the possibility.

Linda stated a quality dedication would be at the northwest corner of the Conoco Phillips property due to the open area, vegetation and water.

Justin states that the perimeter trail corridor is not favorable due to the quality of the land a more ideal dedication would be a larger parcel of land in the northeast or northwest corners of the property. Some of the land dedication is encumbered so Conoco Phillips has not reached the 12% dedication.

Kathy Kron stated US36 trail would not be duplicated if the dedication to Louisville was sufficient for commuter use.

David would like to know how much it would cost to build the trail.

Joe stated that the City has requested that information from Conoco Phillips.

Tom suggested that a request for a contiguous parcel of land that would create a more enjoyable trail experience be created via a dedication on the northwest corner or the northeast corner of the CP property.

Tom called recognition to the memorandum included in the meeting packet and thanked staff for providing the document

Maintain & Support Letter A

Tom suggested that Letter B be changed to include “meandering corridor as measured from trail center line” after 20'

Tom suggested that Letter C be removed

Maintain and Support Letter D

Maintain and Support Letter E

Strike Letter F

Maintain and Support Letter G

Maintain and Support Letter H

Maintain and Support Letter I

Change letter J to add “and trail connectivity” and replace unified with “contiguous” after trail benefit and move letter J to Letter A

Maintain and Support Letter K

Change letter L to add “minimum of 1”

Maintain and Support Letter M

Add “If trail improvements are offered in lieu of acreage they must be included in phase 1” to Letter N

David suggested removing suggestion 2 under the premise that the build-able square feet

is not within the purview of OSAB

Tom suggested that a recommendation from OSAB be provided to state that if a waiver is granted to COP that a dedication in excess of 12% be provided per LMC Section 17.128.10 to be included with condition #1

Maintain and support suggestion 3

OSAB recommends that dedicated lands be restored, established, and maintained to native prairie to standards consistent with the City of Louisville's standards

OSAB requests that trail engineering, restoration, and maintenance be included in the dedication

David Waldman suggested item B from Resolution 4 Series 2010 be removed

Justin suggested that item D from Resolution 4 Series 2010 be removed

Linda suggested that ideal be replaced with desirable in general observation 3

Spencer suggested that item 3 from general observations be removed

Craft language for 5 and 6

Open space dedications should be free and clear of utilities and other encumbrances that will negatively impact public open space dedicated to the City of Louisville and that all public land dedications be compliant with Louisville Municipal Code Sections 16.16.60B and 16.16.60C

Tom re-read the memorandum with the corrections in order for the board to proceed with a vote

David recommended that the word in lieu of be inserted into item 5 under Resolution 3 Series 2010

OSAB requests and may consider accepting such in lieu of acreage – Item 4 Resolution 3 Series 2010

Adjourn – Spencer motioned to adjourn, Linda seconded. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

Open Space Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

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7:00 PM

Call to Order – Chairperson Tom Davinroy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call was taken and the following members were present:

Board Members Present: Linda Smith, Aaron Grider, Spencer Guthrie, Tom Davinroy, David Waldman, Justin McClure, Helen Moshak

Board Members Absent: Larry Crowley

Staff Members Present: Ember Brignull

Members of the Public: Doug Grinbergs, Alan Bernat

Approval of Agenda – Justin moved to approve the agenda as printed. Linda seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Tom suggested that the approval of agenda from the January, 2010 meeting should read “approve as amended”. Justin moved to accept the January 2010 minutes as amended. Linda seconded. The motion was unanimous.

Public Comments – None

Staff Updates – Ember Brignull

1. Ember fielded a request for a coyote presentation by a neighborhood. Ember conducted the event and it was well received.
2. Coyote sandwich boards are in at Cottonwood Park.
3. Chief Goodman letter has been emailed to the Board.

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4. Staff is working on a letter for properties that are adjacent to prairie dog colonies.
5. Schedule for upcoming education program is being put together.

Board Updates

Tom brought the letter from Chief Goodman, which indicates that parking enforcement at Davidson Mesa has been increased. (Letter added to packet material)

Discussion Item: Conoco Phillips

Ember said that a planning commission meeting is upcoming on 2/11/10 and that public comment will be accepted. Another meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2010 where public comment will also be allowed. Ember pointed out the links on the website which pertain to Conoco Phillips and spoke about what staff has requested of Conoco Phillips.

Tom mentioned that he is concerned that the steep slope at the southwest of the Conoco Phillips property will be used for a trail. Ember said that discussions are taking place now. Spencer offered that the trail should not be placed down near Hwy 36 because it would not be a pleasant place to recreate and would not work well with connectivity to nearby trail systems. Justin asked whether the cost of the trail on the steep slope would be cost prohibitive for construction and ongoing maintenance. Justin also asked if the review process is being monitored as closely as possible by the Board and staff.

Linda suggested that the current proposal for land dedication is not "open space". Spencer suggested that the closed campus nature of the property may not allow us to get a dedication of some of the highest value open space on the property. Justin said that he respects the need for a closed campus. Helen asked if the recently purchased Boulder County properties to the north of the property will change the formula for the public land dedication. Ember said that the details have not yet been released.

Linda suggested that the land dedication could incorporate a sizeable corner of the property which might be of more open space value. Spencer countered that trail connectivity is the top priority of the pending land dedication and should drive the Board's recommendation.

David asked what value the northernmost trail carries and suggested that it is a low value place for a dedication. Tom said that a sidewalk or trail would be beneficial for high school commuters, but it was agreed that perhaps such a sidewalk could be in the right-of-way and not part of the public land dedication.

Justin said that he would propose a special study session be scheduled for the Board to include a representative of the Planning Department and Joe Stevens in order to discuss the results of the first planning meeting. It was agreed that March 3rd would be the best day.

Ember mentioned that Conoco Phillips has decided to remove all prairie dogs on the site.

Discussion & Action Item: Finalize the Open Space Vision & Mission Statement

Ember showed the suggested edits to the Mission Statement. Alan Bernat to what entity the Vision & Mission Statements pertain. Tom answered that they relate to the Open Space Program.

There was discussion about how the wording should be finalized. The final wording was voted on and agreed to be:

Our Mission: To conserve and restore Open Space through land acquisition and management for the protection of natural and cultural resources and provide opportunities for education, volunteering and appropriate passive recreation.

Our Vision: An Open Space program funded for future generations that enriches the experience of living in Louisville by providing opportunities for citizens to reconnect with nature and their cultural heritage while also enhancing their mental and physical well-being.

Discussion & Action Item: Update Candidates Open Space Table & Map

Tom suggested that the Takota property should not be on the list because it is currently entitled for development. In addition, KK / JJ / EE properties have been purchased by Conoco Phillips. David said that we should leave those properties on the list until we learn what Conoco Phillips' plan is for those areas. Tom suggested that LL1 and LL be removed from the list as they, too, have been purchased and are intended for development by Conoco Phillips. David suggested that #19 be removed, but Tom requested that we keep it in order to reassess the value of the land as open space. David said that it was highly unlikely that the property would become available as open space.

Tom asked that we plan for a property tour in April or after in order to allow for light.

Action Item: Accept Alternative Energy Generation Speaking Notes into Record.

David made a motion to accept the notes into the record and Linda seconded. The approval was unanimous.

Justin and Spencer and David agreed to form a subcommittee to further discuss the idea. Tom mentioned that he is concerned that codifying open space for alternative energy generation may carry some issues. Tom also said that he is concerned about fencing.

Discussion Items for Next Meeting

-Conoco-Phillips plans and issues

Adjourn – Spencer motioned to adjourn, Linda seconded. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

2009 Accomplishments

Communication with other Open Space Boards

- Joint meeting with town of Superior OSAC- May
- Joint meeting with Broomfield OSTAC –January
- All County Board Meeting
- Boulder County Parks & Open Space Trail & Property Acquisition Discussion

Draft dog off-leash survey

Review & Recommendations:

- Integrated Weed Management Plan (and letter of support to City Council)
- Coal Creek Regional Trails Rules & Regulations
- Coyote Management Plan
- Location of Emergency Siren
- Website Improvements

Selected a new name for Tamarisk Open Space

Improved the Volunteer and Education Program

2010 Goals

Provide leadership to better inform Louisville citizens of open space issues, soliciting community input on those issues and fostering community involvement.

- Open Space Open House 2010
- Administer the Off- Leash Survey
- Contact your HOA representatives to distribute Open Space information (Coyotes/weeds/encroachment/social trails/volunteer & education opportunities)
- Write an article for the newsletter & newspaper about Open Space
- Draft a Mission and Vision Statement

Increase volunteer and education opportunities

- Help distribute program announcements
- Assist with program development
- Help with set up for volunteer and education events

Review and update the Louisville Candidate Open Space Document

Review Conoco Philips Plans

Review Prairie Dog Colony Management Goals

Research Tax Language and

Review Excel Easement Request for Adler/ Fingru Open Space

Review Excel Easement Request for Harney Lastoka Open Space